



# Padre Island National Seashore SandDollar



**Wednesday, February 18, 2004**

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Indicates new information

## Superintendent



Colin's schedule:

Wed., 2/18	– In the Park; All-day GMP meeting
Thurs., 2/19	– In the Park; All-day GMP Meeting
Friday, 2/20	– In the Park; Meeting w/DEA @ 11 am

## Safety Notes --

Your contributions are greatly appreciated for the SandDollar and the safety bulletin board. Please send safety contributions to Pat.

Let's continue to encourage each other to be safe.  
Make it a safe day.

## Administration



Black History Month power point presentation – for your interest and information.



African Americans from A to Z.

Donated leave: 253 hours of leave have been donated to Chon; that will cover 31 total days or a minimum 6 work weeks!!!

Leave share donation forms have been distributed to maintenance, fee station, VC, and the lunchroom. If you would like to donate leave to Chon, please complete the forms and return to Jeanie. If you cannot locate a form, contact Jeanie.

### **TEL Courses**

Description of courses can be found at [www.telnp.net](http://www.telnp.net)

Feb 18	12:30-2:30 NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs
Feb 19	It's the Dos that Makes the Poison - Understanding Exposure Assessment
Feb 26	Module 270 - Curriculum-based Education Programs
Mar 3	Interview Skills for Supervisors: finding the best match
Mar 3	Leave Administration
Mar 22	Retirement Planning for new employees
Mar 24	Position descriptions - what every supervisor should know
Mar 24	Managing Performance
Apr 1	Communication: The Key to Performance Management
Apr 1	From Hugger to Harasser: The True Story behind Sexual Harassment
Apr 26	NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs

**The trailer will be used for TEL training on Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 1.**

## **Facility Management**

A MESSAGE FROM CHON: Chon greatly appreciated the benefit lunch! He wanted to send each and every one a thank you card but I told him that I would let his park service family know by way of the SandDollar how grateful he feels to all of you. Thanks, Padre Island, we are a family. Chon sends his love and blessings to each of you.

Glenda and Chon

Glenda has sent out a crossword puzzle for Division Chiefs to distribute to their employees. This puzzle needs to be completed by everyone that has already had the four-hour haz-com training. The puzzle will count as your yearly one-hour haz-com refresher. Please complete this so you can be credited for your refresher. Division Chiefs--please make sure Glenda receives these from each employee.

Coming-up list of fund raiser events to benefit Chon:

February 20	Silent Auction starts February 17. Feel free to bring an item
March 5	All You Can Eat BBQ plate lunch for \$10 per person
March 19	Raffle. Information to follow
April 2	Cakewalk. Information to follow.

Thanks, folks, for all your consideration and help.

## **Interpretation**

## **Protection**

The Texas Interagency Wildfire Academy schedule is now out. The web site is [www.tamu.edu/ticc/training.htm](http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/training.htm). Please talk to your supervisor if you are interested in attending. Then send me a training nomination form as soon as possible. - Randy S

The next Pack Test will be given on March 1st. Plan on attending. Make sure you are preparing yourself for the test. Bring a 45 pound pack and be at Headquarters at 7:30 am for the pack weigh-in. After that we will go to BIB to the usual location.

## **Resources Management**

### **Personnel:**

- Darrell will serving on the GIS SEPAS panel Feb. 23-27. He will be in the office this week.


### Projects:

- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is no longer supporting the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network. All reports of stranded marine mammals are to be reported to the network directly. The contact number is 1-800-9MAMMAL.

## Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery

Training of volunteers that will participate in our turtle patrols will be held on March 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20. We have volunteer vacancies with the program and welcome newcomers, *but the vacant spots are filling quickly!* People interested in volunteering with the turtle patrol program should contact Cynthia by phone or e-mail so that they can sign up for the required one-day-long training session.

Donna has finished selection and hiring of the seasonal biological technician staff members that will work with the sea turtle project this year. The seasonals include: Rachael Blair, Melanie Briggs, Craig Cowan, Luis Diaz, Jenniemae Febus, Shara Kilarski, Dale Kohlmetz, Hollis McKinney, Linda Morehead, Lisa Marie Presley, Leah Shafer, Jennifer Shelby, and Alyson Trotter. Melanie, Jenniemae, Dale, and Lisa will be new to the turtle project this year and the rest are returnees to the project from last year. Linda and Rachael are already on-board and the other seasonal technicians will work from March 22 through mid-July. Orientation and training for the technicians and completion of preparations for the turtle patrol season will take place from March 22-April 2, with the first camping patrol and the intensive patrol program starting on April 4. We look forward to welcoming the new staff members and will place their photos in the Sanddollar when they become available in late-March. Donna thanks everyone that helped with the announcement, application review, processing of requests for personnel action, and multitude of other tasks that went along with hiring these critical staff members.

 Week of February 15: Linda will be the only staff member from the division working on Monday and she will be on patrol. Donna will

attend the GMP meetings at the park all day on Wednesday and Thursday, and a conference call regarding construction of the new turtle laboratory on Friday at 11 am.

Week of February 22: Donna and Cynthia will be in Costa Rica attending the 24th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. Rachael will be Acting Chief, Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery during our absence.

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